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1. EMBASSY HAS BEEN ADVISED THAT TWA REPS HAVE OBTAINED
AUTHORIZATION FOR FOUR ADDITIONAL FLIGHTS PER WEEK
(NEW YORK-PARIS-CAIRO) WITH FULL FIFTH-FREEDOM PASSENGER
RIGHTS. APPROVAL IS ON TEMPORARY BASIS, UNTIL OCTOBER 77,
WAS GRANTED BY MINTOURISM-CIVAV/NAGUIB, AND WAS CONVEYED
TO TWA REPS BY MOURSIL.

2. COMMENT: TWA IS OBVIOUSLY VERY PLEASED WITH OUTCOME
OF ITS NEGOTIATING EFFORT, UNDERTAKEN BY MR HAYEK. WHILE
REPS DO NOT BELIEVE THAT ANYTHING WILL INTERFERE, THEY WILL
NOT BE CERTAIN OF AUTHORIZATION UNTIL RECEIPT OF WRITTEN
APPROVAL FROM NAGUIB WHICH IS TO BE DELIVERED DEC 13.

3. EMBASSY IS ALSO GRATIFIED AT OUTCOME OF TWA'S EFFORTS,
BUT AS YET HAS BEEN UNABLE TO DETERMINE WHAT EFFECT IF
ANY THIS MAY HAVE ON FORTHCOMING BILATERALS. WE WILL KEEP
DEPT ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENTS. FYI WE ARE SURPRISED AT ABRUPT
AND COMPLETE CHANGE IN GOE'S POSITION ON TWA OPERATIONS,
WHICH IS NONETHELESS HIGHLY DESIRABLE FROM USG AS WELL
AS TWA POINT OF VIEW. TWA IS FAIRLY CERTAIN THAT EGYPTIAN
WILL NOT BE ABLE TO OVERTURN NAGUIB'S DECISION, EVEN THOUGH
AIR FRANCE'S AIRBUS OPERATIONS FROM PARIS HAVE REPORTEDLY
ALREADY TAKEN ABOUT HALF OF EGYPTAIR'S TRAFFIC ON THAT
ROUTE. EGYPTIAN MAY WELL MAKE A FUSS, PERHAPS IN PEOPLE'S
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